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Sometimes AFTER Earthquakes

Acts 16:25-34

25 And at midnight
Paul and Silas
prayed, and sang
praises unto God:
and the prisoners
heard them.
26 And suddenly
there was a great
earthquake, so that
the foundations of

the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.
27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors

open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.
28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

[29] Then he called
for a light, and
sprang in, and
came trembling,
and fell down
before Paul
and Silas,
[30] And brought
them out, and said,
Sirs, what must I
do to be saved?

31 And they said,
Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt
be saved, and
thy house.
32 And they spake
unto him the word
of the Lord, and
to all that were
in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.
34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before

them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

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Godly people were imprisoned, but even while in that challenging situation, they were praying and praising. A major earthquake hit and it was so powerful that it shook the foundation of the

prison and caused the doors to be opened. The earthquake also caused restraints to be loosened so that the prisoners could escape.

The guard had been napping on the job. When he awakened

and looked around, he thought the prisoners had fled. Apparently the guard felt he would be so severely punished if that happened that taking his own life would be better. With his sword, he was about to do just that.

Paul, however, shouted for him not to take his life. He told the guard all the prisoners were still there; no one had escaped.

The guard's heart was changed and he wanted to be

saved just as the men were who had a chance to escape but didn't. The guard believed and was baptized.

Somehow, the guard even managed to take Paul and some other prisoners to his house.

All of these wonderful things happened—but only AFTER the earthquake. Things had to tremble and quake before stubborn hearts would, in humility, break. Stuff had to rumble, loosen, and move in order for

salvation to take place.

It was after the earthquake that the man understood that he could be saved for good.

In life, not everything will be sweet and bubbly. The Believer

can pray and praise the most High, even during confining and restricting situations.

Not everything will be pleasant and sometimes after earthquakes, there is change.

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